

REMARKS

Claims 8 to 19 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, claims 8 and 13 have been amended to include the feature that the movable partitions and the nozzle bars together form inner and outer chambers which are in communication with each other through chamber openings.

The added feature is disclosed in the specification as originally filed, last line of page 7 and first three lines of page 8.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added as a result of the amendments to the claims.

As mentioned in the specification, the purpose of the chambers is to provide a reservoir and a homogenization for the compressed gas.

Applicants respectfully submit that the feature now added to claims 8 and 13 is not disclosed or suggested by the references relied on by the Examiner in rejecting the claims.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection

of claims 8 to 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burnand in view of Daub et al., are respectfully requested.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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